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CHARGES

REFUTED

JUDGE KELLY DEFENDANT IN

SENSATIONAL SUIT

Brought By the State Revenue Agent and His Attorney for Misappropriation for Funds.

The Revenue Act, Chap. 174, Acts of 1901, provides that the State Comptroller shall appoint three agents, who shall have power to bring suit against any officer on account of State, School or County revenue. One of these agents, a Mr. Caldwell, and his attorney, C. C. Moore, of South Pittsburg, have filed a bill in Chancery Court against Judge Kelly, claiming that he has overdrawn his salary account and also that a discrepancy of \$564.56 exists in his favor in the matter of back taxes received from Back Tax Attorneys Bright and Cook.

In the first item, the matter of salary received, a legal question is involved as to the right and power of the County Court to make allowance for extra services, but the second and most important charge, to-wit, that of not accounting for money received, if proved and amount collected from Judge Kelly, would mean to the parties bringing the suit a revenue of \$54.68 for their trouble, outside of other allowances.

Those bringing suit allege that \$3,301.03 were paid in on account of back taxes, and that only \$2,736.47 were accounted for, leaving a balance of \$564.56 to be investigated.

A matter of this kind involving the reputation of a County official induces an explanation, and with this view a News reporter examined the books of the county Friday and made some discoveries which put a very different construction on the matter.

On Record Book in the office of County Court Clerk Thach, page 104, appears the report of Bright and another Back Tax Attorney, in which they acknowledge themselves liable for the sum of \$4,094.43, being for taxes collected to the date of that report, and said sum was paid by Bright as follows:

Check, . . . \$3,301.03
County Warrants, 793.40

And the disposition of the same was made as follows:

General Fund, \$1,677.26
Bridge Fund, 437.76
Judgement Fund, 163.77
Jail Fund, 347.69
Road Fund, 109.99
School Fund, 1,357.96

\$4,094.43

From this it is evident that the money was properly applied, and that the Revenue Agent and his attorney by proper examination of the records could have seen that the money was accounted for. A little research along this line would have spared Judge Kelly an insult.

If the filing of the bill at this time and its sensational charges are done for political purposes, it would seem the promoters had signally failed.

Accompanying this is a statement from Mr. J. C. Kelly, in regard to the matter:

The Best Prescription for Malaria
Chills and Fever is a bottle of Groves' TANKLESS CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No Cure, No Pay. Price 50c.

LETTER FROM JOE CAIN.

Editor News:

Since my removal from Whitwell I have been many times tempted to write you of the pleasures my family experience in the reading of our faithful visitor week after week, the Sequachee Valley News. Our home receives the following periodicals daily, weekly and monthly, Mines and Mineral, Review of Reviews, Health Journal, Ladies' Home Journal, Delicatore, Cincinnati Post, U. M. W. Journal of A. Christian Herald, Leslie's Weekly, Public Opinion and Sequachee Valley News.

Four of these come the same time, and as Saturday evening as I return the inquiries come from all of them has the Sequachee Valley News come. I have to state that no worse disappointment could be offered than for me to tell them that the Sequachee Valley News had not come, and indeed we would feel much disappointed should the News fail to reach us.

The Whitwell News especially is an anxious morsel with my family. It is not only pleasant to read but it is a reminder of many things. It recalls faces and places we all have met or seen, that have been surrounded with much pleasure in the past, and we would willingly give up any two of the others, (none excepted) whose cost is four times as much as miss the Sequachee Valley News.

Those at home may place a great value on the Sequachee Valley News but you must get away from home before you can realize its true value. Doubtless a little news from Petros would be interesting to some of our Whitwell friends, and had I time just now it would be interesting for me to give some of the news. I may do this later. However, I may say that quite a little crowd of Whitwell people are here whose number all told, including children, is 40, and so far as I know they are well pleased with Petros.

Yours respectfully,
JOSEPH CAIN.
Petros, Tenn., March 4, 1902.

Pryor Institute, Jasper.

Nellie Kelly, Stanton Hill,
Anna Deakins, Mamie Lou Hall,
Clara Leland, Ruth Leland,
Mamie E. Alley, Louise Spears,
Ganna Wyman, Clara Lewis,
Mamie Alley, (Jasper) Frances Kelly,
Jennie Lay, Grace Thomas,
Ava Lankester, Verna Pryor,
Cora Hudson, Ruby Farmer,
Lizzie Lay, Helen Turner,
America Lay, Marguerite Spears,
Ethel Bridgeman, Pearl Gabel,
Barbara Raulston, Aileen Pope,
Annie L. Spears, Fred Leland,
Gertrude Alexander, Ernest Pryor,
Vera Alexander, Tom Hoge,
Callie Hudson, Charlie Darr,
Eunice Kelly, Alvia Hall,
Ethel Hoge, Fred Duke,
Barney Shook.

A LIBERAL OFFER.

The undersigned will give a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets to anyone wanting a reliable remedy for disorders of the stomach, biliousness or constipation. This is a new remedy and a good one. Coldwell & Chaudoin, and Whitwell Drug Co., Whitwell.

Going Out of Business.

N. Dietzen & Bro., who have very extensive nurseries and orchards at Fort Valley, Ga., have given Missouri parties an option on them. They will also sell their crate factory and basket works at Bridgeport, Ala., desiring to retire from business.

Sequachee should endeavor to secure it, as there are large quantities of timber here that could be utilized in such a business.

Chronic Diarrhoea.

Mr. C. R. Wingfield, of Fair Play, Mo., who suffered from chronic dysentery for thirty-five years, says Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy did him more good than any other remedy he had ever used. For sale by Coldwell & Chaudoin, Sequachee, and Whitwell Drug Co., Whitwell.

DEMOCRATIC MEETING.

The Democratic Executive Committee of Marion County is hereby called to meet at the Court House at Jasper, on Thursday, March 13th, 1902, 1:00 p. m. Every member of the committee is urged to be present. The object of the meeting is to consider plans for the coming campaign and to transact such other business as may come before the committee.

D. T. LAYNE, Chairman,
W. E. MOYERS, Sec.

DEFENDS HIS FATHER.

Open Letter From J. C. Kelly In Regard to the Charges Preferred by State Revenue Agent

Messrs. Editors:

"In regard to the charges of short-coming on the bill filed by Chas. C. Moore, (the self-appointed guardian of Marion county) against J. C. Kelly, county judge, I wish to give you the figures as they appear on the records of the county, which are open for public inspection, and as audited and found correct by the Finance and Auditing Committee.

Mr. Moore charges that in June, 1895, Bright & Cook, Back Tax Attorneys, paid the county judge \$3,301.03, and that the county judge did not account for but \$2,736.47, leaving unaccounted for \$564.56.

I am informed and believe that Mr. Moore gets his figures from the following sources. He arrives at the amount paid by the check given by Mr. Bright for \$3,301.03 and the amounts accounted for by the county judge from his books as follows:

General Fund.....\$1,677.26
Bridge Fund..... 437.76
Judgement Fund..... 163.77
Jail Fund..... 347.69
Road Fund..... 109.99

\$2,736.47

This is evidently the way he gets his amount claimed, \$564.56, as a shortage. But the record of the county court clerks show the facts which are as follows: In June, 1895, Bright & Cook made their report, part of which is:

Mr. John G. Kelly,
County Judge of Marion County,
Tennessee:

Dear Sir:—I beg to hand you herein a report of all taxes collected by me for the county since my last report, Dec. 13th, 1894, making amount due the county of \$4,094.43, of which amount \$793.40 is in county warrants, cash \$3,301.03. This does not include state tax nor fees and costs for trustee.

Yours truly,
BRIGHT & COOK,
Back Tax Attorneys.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of June, 1895.

JOHN G. KELLY,
Judge of County Court.

From this you will see that there was \$4,094.43 collected. From the records above referred to you will find the amount accounted for as follows:

General Fund.....\$1,677.26
Bridge Fund..... 437.76
Judgement Fund..... 163.77
Jail Fund..... 347.69
Road Fund..... 109.99
School Fund..... 1,357.96

\$4,094.43

Mr. Moore fails to get the correct amount paid in and fails to get the correct amount accounted for.

In regard to the \$488.00 charge. The record shows \$375.00 paid to the trustee and \$113.00 charged on salary account of county judge, making a total of \$488.00. As to drawing \$1,700.09 salary for the year 18—, it is false and the records show the fact.

I want to say further that a friend of mine told me June, 1901, that Mr. Moore claimed that J. G. Kelly was short the amounts as charged in the bill and was contemplating bringing suit to recover same. I went to Mr. Moore at South Pittsburg and in the hearing of Mr. J. C. Beene, told him that he had done my father an injustice and that before he brought suit or repeated the charge to go with me to the county records and if I did not show him he was mistaken to proceed with his suit. He told me he did not want to do Judge Kelly an injustice and promised to go with me to the record, that I might show him how it was. He failed to give me an opportunity to show the record as it is, and also failed to give J. G. Kelly an opportunity. It was due from Mr. Moore that if he did not understand the figures to at least give the defendant, J. G. Kelly, an opportunity to explain before suit was entered.

Having failed in both of these instances, it shows to the people that Mr. Moore has done the defendant, J. G. Kelly, a gross injustice, and no fair-minded man can do ought but condemn his action. He very plainly shows that he did not want to do what was right but that his intentions were for malice and sensationalism.

He not only attacks the honesty of J. G. Kelly but he also questions the veracity of some of the very best men of the county, such men as J. S. Deakins, J. G. Lankester,

(the record shows that these two gentlemen with A. O. Kelly audited the report and books in the Bright & Cook matter and reported them correct), J. C. Gross, F. C. Hughes, A. R. Hall, and others.

Respectfully,
J. C. KELLY.

DUNLAP.

Special to the News.

Rev. J. D. McAllister spent Sunday afternoon in the 8th district.

T. J. Sullivan has opened up a furniture and grocery store in the Sullivan Block.

Rev. Lon White, of Tatesville, spent Monday in the city.

W. C. Shirley, of Shirleyton, spent Monday in the city.

The railroad carpenters have made some improvements on the depot at this place.

J. W. Hixson spent Saturday at Chattanooga.

Joe Cordell moved to Lanesville Monday.

Miss Stella Kelly's friends will regret to learn that she has been on the sick list the past week.

Married last Sunday evening at the home of the groom near Daus, Mr. Marion F. Pickett and Miss Sarah Banks.

Rev. J. D. McAllister officiating.

Died at her home near Mt. Airy, on last Monday night, Mrs. James Hale, aged 80 years. She left a large circle of friends to mourn.

She was the wife of Rev. Jas. Hale and mother of the famous music teacher, J. L. Hale.

Mrs. Jim Thurman, of the Hall, spent Monday night in the city.

Dedication of Davis Chapel will occur new Sunday. Revs. Ellison, Ewton and Stewart will hold the services.

Allison Martin and children, of Red Bank are visiting Register O. T. Kelly at his home near Chapel Hill.

Joe Thurman, of the 3rd district, was in the city Monday.

Charlie Merriman, of Chattanooga, is in the city.

L. Gray, of Fillmore was in the city Saturday.

The miners were paid off Saturday.

J. S. Hoffecker spent Friday in Chattanooga on business.

Capt. Anderson, of Jasper, spent Friday night in the city.

S. L. Rogers, Charles Tribble, Bert and Robert Lee, of your city spent Sunday here.

Mrs. C. K. Holmes, of Hill City, is in the city at the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. L. B. Merriman.

Dr. Fowkes, of Pikeville, spent Friday in the city.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Standifer Thursday night a 12-pound boy.

Chancery Court convened here Thursday. One day was all. The Robertson case which has caused much comment in court circles was transferred to Chattanooga.

O. R. BLALOCK.

SUNNYSIDE.

Special to the News.

B. W. Condra has just finished painting his new residence. It is a dandy, and cannot be excelled for comfort, beauty and size by any house in this vicinity. Mr. Grayson is justly proud of it.

Misses Ethel Grayson and Maud Yochum, two of Hickory Grove's charming belles, were in this vicinity Sunday.

It is reported that Luther Jones of Cedar Spring, who enlisted in the U. S. Army a short time ago, died recently of measles in Columbus, Ohio.

L. P. Diel and wife of Cedar Spring, were here Sunday.

Misses Edith and Florence Hudson were out riding Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Easterly formerly of this place, but now of Whitwell, was in this vicinity Sunday.

Thomas Andes, the well known young man of Red Hill, was here Sunday casting a wistful eye at the girls.

The pile driving crew which is at work two miles of this place, has in their possession a fine large wild cat.

If you want to see Edwin H. smile just ask him how he enjoyed Sunday.

Ask Joe Rogers who entertained him Sunday.

Misses Ella Layne and Ida Pickett in company with a friend took a pleasant walk Sunday eve.

Kelly Farmer, one of Cedar Spring's young men, was in this vicinity Sunday.

Ask Lee Easterly if he ever overlooked those girls Sunday eve.

Ira Henry of Oak Hill, was in this vicinity Sunday.

H. C. Deakins and John Easterly passed through this vicinity first of week.

Misses Ida Barber, Edith and Lizzie Hudson visited Mrs. J. A. Gray Tuesday of last week and report a nice time.

A grand discovery has just been made. Any young man wishing to win the love of a young lady can do so by paying her subscription to the News.

One trial will convince you that it far exceeds Dofetehit's love powders which are so highly recommended. The News is only 50c a year. Young man, you know it must be something grand to excel those wonderful love making powders of Dr. Dofetehit's, but it has been known where three pecks of them had failed, one subscription to the News won the girl.

I can also state of my own personal experience that the News is first choice among the girls and has caused me to be no longer as my name appears below.

Bachelor.

Encouraged as to Nomination.

F. M. McCullough, Sheriff, was here yesterday. He is greatly encouraged as to nomination and says he is in the race to stay. The Sheriff is very popular with the people and many are predicting for him a successful race next Saturday, when the question as to nomination will be settled. If integrity and attention to duty are any of the qualifications for a second nomination to office, Mr. McCullough deserves well of the people.

How Are Your Kidneys?

Dr. Hobbie's Kidney Pills cure all kidney ills. Sample free. Add: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or N. Y.

MARK YOUR BALLOT

With a Cross Mark Says County Chairman Dykes.

The following is the Official Ticket to be voted at the republican primary Saturday next.

County Judge

D C DEATHRIDGE

W A BROWN

A J WILLIS

D M TATE

Sheriff

RICHARD MCGILL

G W COPPINGER

J M BIBLE

F M MCCULLOUGH

Trustee

R C FLOYD

W H HALE

County Court Clerk

B LONG

Circuit Court Clerk

L R LAYNE

ARTHUR RAULSTON

Register

E E JOHNSTON

C A QUARLES

L P ROBERTS

In response to an inquiry from the News County Chairman Dykes informs us that a cross mark (X) should be placed opposite the name desired to be voted for. Thus,

B. LONG, X

F. M. McCULLOUGH, X

None but those marked in this manner will be considered voted for.

Wants Judge Byron Pope for County Judge.

Editor News:

The writer of this article thinks that he voices a majority of the people of Marion County when he says that Judge Pope is the most suitable man for the office of county judge in Marion county.

Judge Pope is an able lawyer, having practiced his chosen profession with credit for twenty years. He is a good citizen of our county, a man of stern reality, a man who is not afraid to say no.

Mr. Pope would make Marion county a safe guardian and a good judge. He is a trusty man and worthy of any honor that the good people may confer.

VOTER.

Working 24 Hours a Day.

There's no rest for those tireless little workers—Dr. King's New Life Pills. Millions are always busy, curing Torpid Liver, Jaundice, Biliousness, Fever and Ague. They banish Sick Headache, drive out Malaria. Never gripe or weaken. Small, taste nice, work wonders. Try them. See at the Whitwell Drug Co., Whitwell.

Died at Tracy City.

Tracy City, Tenn., March 9.—E. Street died here today at the age of 35 years. He leaves six children, his wife having died last October. Mr. Street had lived here for a number of years and at one time was engaged in the livery stable business. He was a member of the Royal Arcanum and the Methodist church, and was known by almost everyone for miles around.

Pensions Granted.

E. H. Boyd, of Sequachee College, formerly of Jasper, has been granted a pension of \$6 per month, after trying for it for ten years.

Geo. Heard of Dunlap, has been granted a pension of \$6.

Jas. Stansbury, of Wauhatchie, has been granted a pension of \$8.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Broom Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

A JACKSONIAN DEMOCRAT.

Messrs. Editors:

We have just emerged from the cold and icy embrace of winter with all its rigor into the first glorious spring month, just as the sun is crossing the equatorial line, infusing new life with the song of birds and the rich odor from the sweet and fragrant flowers from the wild woods or forests of this beautiful southland with its crowding population of the most hospitable people living beneath the dome of heaven.

With these beautiful surroundings and happy and glorious conditions it seems to me that this would infuse new life in every gold bug democrat in the South, and cause him to lift his hat and shout three cheers for Palmer and Buck, David B. Hill, M. M. Allison and James Price.

You can hear the buzz of machinery and the whizzing of thousands of spindles in our southern manufacturing departments, which are filled to overflowing with child cheap labor, and thank God that under the high protection tariff and the gold standard the owners of these mills and factories are having their millions yearly while these children are being deprived of the opportunity of securing an education.

Under this system we are enabled to create a kid glove society who will use their influence in shaping our policies, and will be the bone and sinew in turning the democratic party back to the gold standard and corporation rule, where we can operate it with our feet under a table writing articles to a subsidized press.

If Uncle Joe will continue to advocate his famous devices and remedies, and preach the theory that money, trusts, monopolies, and combines are going to rule our country, I will refrain from antagonizing him, for I believe he belongs to the ring any way.

You see he is not in favor of free speech, for he wanted me to hush up. Now I am opposed to free speech, myself. It might encourage the Filipinos to further resistance. Uncle Joe and I differ on one thing; he wants all the voters to vote as they please, and I want them to vote for M. M. Allison for circuit judge. Write again, Uncle Joe, I think I will have them all over with me before very long.

Now, there has been some complaint that I do not sign my name to my articles. Now, I am, in the first place writing in the interest of democracy, and when you consider the value of a party or organization, you will see that the individual sinks into insignificance. I belong to that class of democrats who are striving to reorganize the party, and I am not striving to advertise myself but to reorganize our grand old party.

Now, as I previously stated I hail from the northeast. In reorganizing this grand old party, I can't help from calling to mind Sherman's famous march to the sea in the year 1864.

There are incidents that have taken place that are memorable to thousands of our old citizens. Now, in our efforts to reorganize our grand old party we desire to have the same success that Sherman had in his march to the sea.

We should form ourselves into a solid phalanx in Wall Street, headed by David B. Hill and begin our political march southward, and methinks now that we would join the procession here in Tennessee, making M. M. Allison, Adjutant General, and if William Jennings Bryan will discard his ideas on government and submit to reorganization, we would give him a corporal's place in the procession, and the "Jacksonian Democrat" would hold up the banner to the sport of wind with this inscription "Down with free ballot, free speech and free silver."

JACKSONIAN DEMOCRAT.